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## Council Struggles with City Finances Between Obligations and Resources

by Thomas X. White

The bad financial news continued at the February 27 Greenbelt City Council worksession held at the Community Center. The meeting was a follow-up to the January 23 mid-fiscal year outlook provided by City Manager Michael McLaughlin. His brief report to council on February 11 advised that additional data from the state property assessment office "paints a more disappointing picture of projected Fiscal Year 2014 revenue from real property assessments for Greenbelt."

All members of council and a few residents were present at the worksession.

With only about three more weeks before the city manager must present the proposed city budget for FY14 – March 25 – McLaughlin advised council that the revenue picture for FY14

will come in close to \$1 million below that of each of the past four years.

In other words, projected FY14 revenue (estimated at \$24.25 million) is \$700,000 less than for the adopted revenue estimates in the current fiscal year and about \$800,000 less than total city receipts for Fiscal Year 2010.

One of the manager's exhibits for the worksession graphically shows nearly \$2 million in savings, reductions and cuts that the city has achieved during Fiscal Years 2009 through 2012. In his cover memo, however, McLaughlin showed that because of savings already achieved, there are few areas of the city budget amenable to further cuts, savings or reductions.

### Prospective Sources

In addition, he reported that other prospective revenue sources

will not likely pick up the slack. While some of the diminished state-shared revenue is making its way back to the city, he feels it cannot always be counted on. State Police aid seems to be okay but Highway User Revenue (HUR) is less reliable, he said, and any HUR funds coming could likely be one-time only, depending on the state's fiscal outlook. McLaughlin advises further that the fiscal outlook for the next few years could be the same, mainly because real property in Greenbelt will not be reassessed until 2015.

Based on current data, McLaughlin said it appears that an increase in the property tax rate will be needed. Another exhibit shows that, on average, condominium property assessments

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## Youth Production Delights; The Joy Gods Return to a Full House

By Shannon McHale

Saturday afternoon, March 2 brought a full house to the Community Center for the Greenbelt Recreation Department's production of The Joy Gods Return.

The musical, written and directed by veteran Chris Cherry, spotlighted 44 talented teenagers from the community. Starring Christin Wright, Jonas Ventimiglia, Kristen Beauchamp and Jan Knutson in the four lead roles,

The Joy Gods Return is a story about romance and recovery in post 9/11 New York City, and it flashes back to the 1930s in a play within the show.

Sixteen year-old Wright shines as lead character Felicity Knox, an actress attempting to put on a production of her late husband Tom Castle's (Jan Knutson) Broadway show, The Joy Gods Return. Castle's

version of Joy Gods, set in depression-era New York, is centered around Iris and Aphrodite, goddesses of the rainbow, and about the love and joy they bring to mortals in the city. Wright plays a grief-filled, yet optimistic Knox who believes that a production of Tom's play will help modern-day New York

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PHOTO BY HELEN SYDAVAR

The full cast of The Joy Gods Return sings the rousing finale "New York Is Alive."

## Sector Plan Is Approved By County District Council

In an email from Chad Williams of the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission, public announcement was made Tuesday afternoon of the Prince George's County Council's unanimous approval that morning of the Metro Area Route 193 Corridor Sector Plan and the accompanying Sectional Map Amendment (SMA).

Williams says that over the next weeks and months M-NCP-PC staff will issue formal notification of plan approval and zoning changes and will work on incorporating the revisions made by both the Planning Board and the District Council into the Sector Plan and SMA as it prepares for publication of the final document. Information will be updated on the project website [www.pgplanning.org/greenbelt.htm](http://www.pgplanning.org/greenbelt.htm). They hope to post final

versions of the county council's resolutions of approval and the analysis of public testimony on this site within the next week or so and will continue to make periodic updates.

"This has been a very interesting and exciting project and it has been a pleasure working with all of you," added Williams. "We believe this is a strongly proactive and innovative plan that provides a guide to a brighter future emphasizing transit opportunities, environmental sensitivity and neighborhood preservation. On behalf of the project team I would just like to thank you all for your participation and interest throughout this effort. We hope you'll continue to participate as the county and the local jurisdictions turn attention toward implementation."

## GATE Annual Meeting Will Feature David Zahren

by Konrad Herling

Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATE) will hold its annual meeting this coming Sunday, March 10 at 3 p.m. The meeting will take place at GATE's studio on the second floor of the Greenbelt Community Center.

Following President Bob Zugby's "State of GATE" address and customary financial, membership and programming reports from officers and staff, those attending will hear from GATE's guest speaker, local weather forecaster and Greenbelt resident, David Zahren. A teacher of biology, earth and life sciences for 11 years in Prince George's County, he has continued to teach students, young and older alike, through numerous television programs.

Zahren, whom Greenbelt area residents may have met at the Co-op Supermarket or Fitness Center, has dedicated much of his life's passion to science and education. While with the Peace Corps in Kenya, he served as a science

educator in Nairobi. He also has been a Space Ambassador for NASA following the Challenger Shuttle disaster in 1986.

So how does Zahren, who serves with Prince George's County's Office of Television Resources, make constructive use of television to teach area students? He is perhaps best known for his work with students in Prince George's County as host, writer and producer of the award-winning TV science programs "Give Science a Hand" (a hands-on approach to science aimed at elementary school students); "Science Bowl" (an interscholastic science game show that has been running for 27 years); "Under the Microscope" (a series of staff development programs for elementary teachers that also airs nationwide on PBS stations); "It's Academic" (whose version in the Baltimore area is the longest running student competition

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### What Goes On

**Saturday, March 9**

**9 a.m. to noon**, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between Municipal Building and Community Center

**10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, Walking the Woods, Community Center, Room 201 for Ages 18+, Registration Necessary (see ad on page 5)

**Monday, March 11**

**8 p.m.**, Council Meeting, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at [www.greenbeltdmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov)

**Wednesday, March 13**

**8 p.m.**, Council Worksession with University of Maryland, Community Center

**Thursday, March 14**

**7:30 p.m.**, GDC and GHI Board Meeting, GHI Administration Building

# Letters to the Editor

## A Resident's Thoughts on Pre-budget Session

For those of you who are interested and could not attend the city's pre-budget discussion this past Wednesday evening, here's some additional information from the handout provided there or from the Greenbelt News Review article.

The outlook, although serious, with about a \$1.1 million shortfall from the proposed budget, may actually be less dire than described in the recent Greenbelt News Review article "Budget Outlook Is Bleak Manager Tells City Council" (Feb. 21, page 6).

Several factors are involved in that interpretation.

1) The city's shortfall is largely due to the substantial increase between the Fiscal Year 12 actual expenditures (\$24.7 million) and the adapted FY13 budget (\$25.5 million) or about \$0.8 million higher planned expenditures for very uncertain economic times.

2) The city's (emergency) fund balance is \$2.8 million and ahead of the goal of 10 percent of expenditures by almost 0.4 percent.

3) In addition, while the city has kept costs under budget by approximately \$0.5 million each of the past four fiscal years (my heartfelt thanks for that), it is clear that further cuts from our annual budget of approximately \$25 million may be quite possible. As an easy example, I point to the following from the February 14 issue of the News Review "City Council Supports ACE Grant Awards" (also on page 6):

"Mayor Judith Davis questioned funding for items that

### Correction

In the Black History Month article at the top of page 6 last week, "City Elementary Schools Explore Black Culture" incorrectly identified the author. The reporter was Lauren Shaw. The News Review regrets the error.

## Computer Club Holds Meeting on March 14

On Thursday, March 14 at 7 p.m., the Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its monthly meeting in Room 103 at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. All are welcome.



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## At the Library

### Bookids

Tuesday, March 12, 4 p.m.: the March discussion book is "How to Train Your Dragon," by Cressida Cowell. Made into a movie, the story is about Hiccup the Viking and his dragon Toothless. Bookids programs offer books, poetry and word games.

### Adult Program

Wednesday, March 13 from 4 to 6 p.m. there will be a How to Become a Foster Parent workshop presented by members of the Williams Life Center Group visiting the library to offer guidance on the process of fostering children.

### Storytimes

On Wednesdays and Thursdays, a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props. Pick up a free ticket from the information desk before the session.

Wednesday, March 13, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years.

Thursday, March 14, 10:30 a.m., Toddler Time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver.

### Women's History

Through March 30, library patrons of all ages can learn about notable women, solve a crossword puzzle and receive a prize. An individual and family friendly activity, puzzles suitable for all ages are available at the information desk.

For more information visit the Greenbelt Library, call 301-345-5800 or visit the library system website at pgcmls.info for a number of library services, to review accounts or renew materials. For automated phone renewal call 301-333-3111.

## The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival

Committee is looking for volunteers. Interested in volunteering?

Contact us at  
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## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

### WEEK OF March 8

#### Quartet (PG-13)

**FRIDAY**

\*5:15, 7:30, 9:30

**SATURDAY**

\*3, \*5:15, 7:30, 9:30

**SUNDAY**

\*3, \*5:15, 7:30

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## Grin Belt



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## NARFE Holds Monthly Meeting at Greenbriar

## Tennis Association To Meet Sunday

The next monthly meeting of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) chapter will be held on Wednesday, March 13 at 1:30 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Building Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway.

The speaker will be Research Entomologist Dr. Mark Feldlaufer, who will talk about bed bug biology and control.

Refreshments will be available. For directions, call the Greenbriar office at 301-441-1096, ext. 0.

All tennis enthusiasts are welcome. For more information email GTA at [gta@greenbelt.com](mailto:gta@greenbelt.com).

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DEADLINES: Letters, Articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$45/year.

# Community Events

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for March 11 to 15 are:

Monday – Fruit punch, honey balsamic chicken thigh, mashed spiced yams, green beans with onions, diced pears.

Tuesday – Apple juice, mushroom burger, Hawaiian baked beans, broccoli and cauliflower, fresh fruit.

Wednesday – Grape juice, vegetable soup, egg salad, tossed salad, fresh fruit.

Thursday – Grape juice, corned beef with cabbage, oven roasted potatoes, sliced carrots, St. Patrick's cookie.

Friday – All sites closed for training.

## Labor Day Committee Seeks Volunteers

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee is seeking volunteers for a variety of tasks related to the 2013 Labor Day Festival. To volunteer email the committee at [greenbeltlaborday@gmail.com](mailto:greenbeltlaborday@gmail.com) or call 301-675-0585.

## Greenbriar Holds Annual Meetings

The Phase II Greenbriar Condominium annual meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12 in the Terrace Room.

Phase III's annual meeting will be on Tuesday, March 19 at 7 p.m. in the Terrace Room.



## GREENBELT BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

### SPRING SOCCER REGISTRATION

Boys and Girls, 5-14

See <http://www.greenbeltbgc.org/>

Kids and coaches needed! Soccer clinics in March

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## Garden Club to Assign Plots, Hold Elections

The Greenbelt Community Garden Club will have its annual garden plot assignment meeting on Monday, March 11 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. in Room 202 at the Community Center. Elections will also be held for garden area coordinators, president, recording secretary and treasurer.

Persons unable to attend this meeting who wish to keep their current garden plots or who have updates to disclose should contact their garden coordinator. Greenbelt residents without garden plots who desire a plot are encouraged to attend.

For questions or more information call Martha Tomecek at 301-614-0691.

## GIVES Schedules Quarterly Meeting

The Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) will hold a quarterly meeting on Saturday, March 9 at 10 a.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center. GIVES is an organization of volunteers who provide services to help Greenbelt residents who need help with light housework, minor home repairs, pet care, local rides, shopping and other services.

All members are encouraged to attend. Anyone who is interested in volunteering or who may need services is also welcome. Quarterly meetings update members on activities and provide information on city and other area services that might be helpful.

For more information call the GIVES office at 301-507-6580 or Kathleen Gallagher at 301-466-0774.

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club has a busy schedule for the months ahead.

The Prince George's County Sheriff's Department will speak next Wednesday, March 13 on senior safety and the "Vial of Life."

April will be Food Bank month. Bring canned foods and non-perishables to meetings for distribution to the Food Bank. April 10 there will be a Chinese Auction. On April 17 the Golden Age Anniversary Luncheon will be held – be sure to put this date on your calendars.

The club is pleased to have several new members. Be sure your phone numbers are correct because the Membership Committee is working on a new roster.

Some great trips are planned for spring. Pick up a Recreation Activity Guide in the office and sign up now.

Put on a happy face! A study out now says that to side-step colds and flu people should "Smile, Smile, Smile."

## GHI Notes

Thursday, March 7, 7 p.m., Executive Session of the Board Meeting – Board Room

Saturday, March 9, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Monday, March 11, 7:30 p.m., Marketing Committee Meeting – Board Room

7:30 p.m., Nominations and Elections Committee Meeting – GHI Library

Tuesday, March 12, 8:30 a.m., Yardlines Committee Meeting – GHI Library

7 p.m., Member Outreach Committee Meeting – Board Room

Wednesday, March 13, 7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee Meeting – Board Room

Thursday, March 14, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

Friday, March 15, Office Closed. For Emergency Maintenance Service call 301-474-6011

Note: Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.



## Spring Ahead!

Reset your clocks forward one hour on Sunday at 1 a.m.

## March Demos, Wine Tastings at Co-op

This month Co-op will hold two "New to Natural" demonstrations. On Wednesday, March 13 from 4 to 6 p.m. Cibo Naturals will offer a pesto demo. On Monday, March 18 there will be a chips tasting from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. by Brad's Raw Chips.

Friday night wine tastings will take place on March 8, 15 and 22 from 4 to 7 p.m., with an additional 4 to 6 p.m. wine tasting on Wednesday, March 27 as part of the Seasonal & Savory program.

The March Seasonal & Savory demonstration, featuring spring pea dishes and wine tasting will be held on Wednesday, March 27 from 4 to 6 p.m. That is also Patron Appreciation Day (with 5 percent discounts throughout the store).

More information is available online at [www.greenbelt.coop](http://www.greenbelt.coop).

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11:55, 4, 7, 9:45

Oz the Great & Powerful, in 3D, R (!)

12:45, 3:30, 6:30, 9:20

Dead Man Down, R (!)

11:05, 1:45, 4:25, 7:10, 9:50

The Last Exorcism II, R (!)

11:35, 2:10, 4:40, 7:30, 9:50

21 and Over, R (!)

11:30, 2:05, 4:30, 7:20, 9:40

Jack the Giant Slayer, in 2D, R (!)

11, 1:35, 6:45

Jack the Giant Slayer, in 3D, R (!)

4:10, 9:20

Snitch, PG-13 (!)

11:15, 1:40, 4:15, 7:25, 10

Escape from Planet Earth, PG

11:45, 2:15, 4:35, 7

Identity Thief, R

9:15

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## Greenbelt Arts Center THIS WEEK

**Superior Donuts**  
by Tracy Letts

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# Obituaries

## Robert "Bob" Auerbach

Robert (Bob) Auerbach, aged 93, died December 12 in an automobile accident in Greenbelt East.

He was born in New York City (NYC). His father had immigrated from Warsaw, Poland, as a teenager and served in the U.S. military in WWI. His mother, born in NYC, taught math in the city's public schools.

In 1926 at age 7, Bob was diagnosed with osteo-myelitis. He underwent many surgeries, was hospitalized many months and went to a special school for crippled (sic) children.

### Education

He graduated from Stuyvesant High School in Manhattan, attended Columbia University and received a B.A. in political science from Peabody College in Tennessee. When he moved away from NYC, his former wife, Mary Carson, said that after growing up as a handicapped child, with limited mobility, it was almost as if he'd sprouted wings when he left the city and got his first car.

### Travel

When he was in his 20s, shortly after World War II, he served as a "seagoing cowboy" on a transatlantic relief mission to Poland and other areas of war-ravaged Europe. The mission to Poland and other areas was organized by the historical peace churches in the U.S. He also visited Japan at the invitation of Japanese Hiroshima Nagasaki Peace Organization in 1995, the 50th anniversary of the bombing. He travelled to India four times in recent years, partly to research the quotation (sometimes attributed to Gandhi and sometimes to AJ Muste). The quote is "There is no way to peace. Peace is the way."

Bob travelled to political conventions and protest gatherings all over the United States. He was deeply interested in political history and belonged to the APIC (American Political Item Collectors) and the American Philatelic Society.

He was a librarian by profession. He worked at the Urbana College Library in Urbana, Ohio, and also at Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio. He was an assistant librarian at the College of Steubenville in Ohio and a reference librarian at the University of the District of Columbia. He owned his own small business, Capital Library Services, which cataloged books for college libraries. He also served as the librarian for Tecumseh World Hunger Education Service.

### Political Activism

Bob became active in politics in the 1930s especially election reform. He served on the New York executive committee of the War Registers League and was active in the Young People's Socialist League, Jewish Peace Fellowship, Fellowships of Reconciliation, Socialist Party USA,

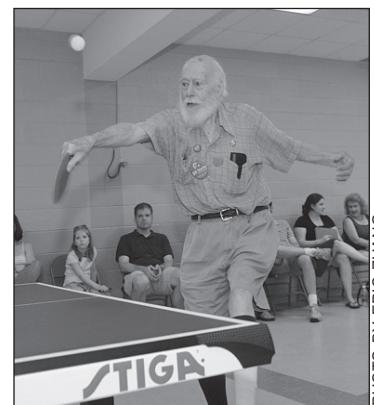


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### Youth Center Labor Day 2012

Congress on Racial Equality, Center for Voting and Democracy (Fair Vote), Committee on Fair and Open Elections and American Civil Liberties Union.

He was a co-founder of Greenbelt Citizens for Fair Housing, Greenbelt Peace Committee, Prince George's Peace & Justice, New Deal Café and more . . . New Party National Committee (which supported Eugene McCarthy as antiwar candidate for

President), People's Party (Dr. Benjamin Spock's Campaign for President) and the Citizen's Party. He never supported communism and was never a member of the Communist Party.

He was a founding member of the Greenbelt Greens and served several times in the 1990s as representative to the Green Party National Committee. He was the first organizing chair of the Maryland Green Party and served as co-chair of the party. He personally gathered many thousands of signatures on petitions for ballot access over the years.

In 1999 he ran for Greenbelt City Council and in 2006 he was the Green Party nominee for Comptroller of Maryland. Bob won the Green Party nomination three times for U.S. House of Representatives from Maryland's District 5, focusing mostly on issues of nonviolence. In 2002 the State Board of Elections kept Green Party candidates off the ballot – so supporters in the gen-

eral election had to cast write-in votes. Bob was a leading plaintiff in Green Party v. Board of Elections, the successful civil rights lawsuit that resulted in the highest Court in Maryland declaring that this type of discrimination against small parties was unconstitutional. Bob's name appeared on the Green Party ballot in 2004 and again in the 2012 election, when more than 5,000 voters cast votes for him.

Bob is survived by his brother George Auerbach, his former wife Mary Carson, daughters Hopi and Jennine Auerbach and grandchildren Carson and Amara.

A memorial celebration will be held Saturday, March 16 at 2 p.m. at Adelphi Friends Meeting, 2302 Metzerott Road, Adelphi, MD.

## Patricia Ann Savage

Patricia Ann (Daley) Savage, 74, of Hagerstown, formerly of Greenbelt, died peacefully on Tuesday, February 5, 2013, in the care of her four children.

Born May 1, 1938, in La Crosse, Wisc., she was the daughter of the late Thomas Richard and Ruth Signora (Iverson) Daley. She was preceded in death by her brother, Dr. Thomas Robert Daley.

She is survived by four children: Jane Savage Seward of Olney, Md.; Pastor Thomas Robert Savage (Barbara) of Locust Grove, Va.; Julie Lyn Savage (David Fenstermacher) of Mt. Airy, Md.; and Dr. Timothy Howard

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Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

7:30pm

March 10<sup>th</sup>

Guest Speaker (Eric Redmond)

March 17<sup>th</sup>

"Perseverance: How Not to Grow Weary in Doing Good"

March 24<sup>th</sup>

"God Keeps His People"

## Congregation Mishkan Torah



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## Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

On Thursday, March 7 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays midday melodies from noon to 2 p.m. There will be an open microphone session with Paige Powell from 7 to 9 p.m.

Friday, March 8 pianist John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m.; then from 8 to 11 p.m. the Bumper Jacksons headline with a hot jazz, ragtime and pre-war country repertoire.

On Saturday, March 9 Bruce Kritt plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m.; then John Guernsey performs up-tempo jazz piano. Djesben headlines with music from around the globe from 8 to 11 p.m.

Sunday, March 10 is the weekly sign language brunch discussion from 10:30 a.m. to noon, followed by Jan Knutson on jazz guitar from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. In the evening, the Kim Reynolds Quartet plays straight-ahead jazz from 6 to 9 p.m. and the café hosts an art reception for the current exhibit, along with a meet-n-greet with painter Jeanna Voellmer and painting/print artist Erin McCullough from 7 to 9 p.m.

### Next Week

Tuesday, March 12 the Akoma Drummers will play from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 13 singer/songwriter Allison Shapira blends American folk with a classically trained voice from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 14 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays midday melodies from noon to 2 p.m., with an open microphone session with James & Martha from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 15 begins with pianist Guernsey playing classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., followed by Bud Skeleton with an eclectic mix of classic rock tempered with some South Side Chicago blues from 8 to 11 p.m. The Saturday, March 16 schedule starts with Bruce Kritt on classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m., followed by Guernsey's up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then Patsy's Honky Tonk Torch and Twang classic country, Western swing and plenty of Patsy Cline from 8 to 11 p.m.



Condolences to the family and friends of Earl Babbitt, who died on February 25, 2013.

Sympathy to the O'Brien and Winker families on the death of longtime Greenbelter Catherine O'Brien on March 3, 2013, at the age of 90. Her funeral will be held at St. Hugh of Grenoble church on April 6.

Sympathy also to the friends of Patricia Savage, who died on February 5.

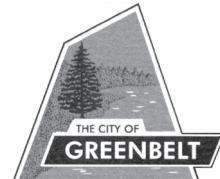
We were sorry to hear of the death of pioneer Greenbelter Lewis C. Hedges, 86, of Arlington, Va., on February 24, 2013. The Hedges family were original residents of 7 Crescent Road.

### Congratulations to:

- Army Pfc. Dwayne T. Bragg, a 2009 Eleanor Roosevelt High School graduate and the son of Shelia Bragg of Greenbelt, who has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

- Eastway author John Hayes, whose short vampire story has been published by Dawn to Dusk, a literary magazine.

- Kathleen McFarland



# City Information

## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**Monday, March 11, 2013 - 8:00 p.m.  
Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road**

### COMMUNICATIONS

- Presentations
- Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)
- Minutes of Council Meetings
- Administrative Reports
- Council Reports
- Committee Reports
- Advisory Planning Board, Report #2012-7 (Sunnyside Avenue Bridge Replacement Project)

### LEGISLATION

### OTHER BUSINESS

- Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Report #2012-3 (Proposed Policy Change for the Aquatic and Fitness Center)
- Sustainable Maryland Certified Green Team
- State Legislation
- Other Reports
- \* - Adoption of Board of Appeals Resolution on Variance Application #11-002-V
- \*- Reappointments to Advisory Groups

### MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltdmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

## GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER 550-A Crescent Road (behind Police Station)



**Mr. Muffles** is the 3rd pup to come in from an unknown breeder here in Greenbelt. He is scared but warming up to being loved.



**Cream Puff** is a VERY social bunny. She came into the shelter pregnant, giving birth while here. She was a great mom but is now spayed. She and her remaining bun buns would love forever homes. We believe

Cream Puff is around a 1 year old.

Give us a call 301-474-6124

Come out and visit all of the available pets!

The shelter is open on Wednesdays from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment.

See all our pets on Facebook!

## WALKING THE WOODS

**Saturday, March 9, 10:00am-2:00pm,  
Greenbelt Community Center, Rm. 201**

You are invited to spend the day learning about the benefits of woodlands. Woodlands are a part of an ecosystem with trees, shrubs, herbaceous plants, insects, and animals that interact with each other as well as soil, water, and climate.

Learn about how all these elements interact to help you better steward your woodlands. This will be a time to learn and discuss how to implement preventative measures to protect remnant woods in a more urbanized environment.

Snacks will be provided. Program led by Public Works Assistant Director Lesley Riddle.

**For Ages 18+. This program is FREE, but you must register. Please call 301-397-2208 for information.**

## DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers

Saturday, March 9, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.

Parking lot between City Office and the Community Center

Info: City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308.



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## MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 11-15

**Monday, March 11 at 8:00 pm, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at [www.greenbeltdmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov)

**Wednesday, March 13 at 8:00 pm, COUNCIL WORK SESSION** – with the University of Maryland at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.*

GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
PRESENTS **44 TALENTED TEENAGERS**  
IN THE GREENBELT YOUTH MUSICAL 2013



WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY CHRISTOPHER CHERRY

**Saturday, March 2 at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm  
Saturday, March 9 at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm  
All Tickets: \$5**

Greenbelt Community Center  
15 Crescent Road  
Call 301-397-2208

## City of Greenbelt Spring Camps

### SPRING CAMP

Warmer days are on their way, and Spring Break is right around the corner! We'll keep your kid's break action packed with a combination of events both at the Youth Center and off premises. All campers must be in kindergarten through sixth grade and are responsible for providing their own non-perishable lunch and drink.

Mon: Magic Show. Tue: Pump It Up. Wed: Maryland Science Center. Thu: Skate Zone. Fri: Cookout & Swimming

LOCATION: The Youth Center

TIME: 9:00am - 3:30pm (BEFORE & AFTERCARE AVAILABLE)

Fees: R: \$175, NR: \$210

### SPRING CIRCUS CAMP

Ages 8-13

Join former Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus performer Greg May for a fun-filled spring break and learn how to juggle, walk on stilts, balance on a rolling globe or balance board and more! Campers are safely taught at their individual skill level. They will demonstrate their new skills in performance on Friday afternoon at 2:30. Campers must bring a non-perishable lunch each day.

DATES: Monday, April 1 - Friday, April 5

TIME: 9:00am - 3:30pm (BEFORE & AFTERCARE AVAILABLE)

LOCATION: Greenbelt Community Center

Fees: R: \$179, NR: \$215

### FAST-BREAK BASKETBALL CLINIC

Ages 8-14

Spend your spring break improving your basketball skills through this new clinic. The Fast-Break Basketball Clinic is a five-day program, offered from 9:00am-12:00pm each day. Registration fee will include a Springhill Lake Recreation Center membership card that will allow each participant to remain in the facility beyond the hours of the basketball clinic.

DATES: Monday, April 1 - Friday, April 5

TIME: 9:00am-12:00pm

LOCATION: Springhill Lake Recreation Center

Fees: R: \$30, NR: \$25

MORE INFORMATION: Call the Greenbelt Recreation Business Office at 301.397.2200 or

Visit us at [www.greenbeltdmd.gov/Recreation](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/Recreation)

## VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

There are currently vacancies on:

Advisory Planning Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability & Youth Advisory Committee

For information call 301-474-8000.

## What's new at Greenbelt CityLink?

City Events, Meetings, the New Camp Brochure, contribution/recognition group information and much more!

Visit [www.greenbeltdmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov) and stay informed.

# Obituaries

Savage of New York City. She is also survived by her former husband, Dr. Howard T. Savage, a sister, Mary R. Hinze (Les) of Onalaska, Wisc., and seven grandchildren: Nicholas Seward; Joshua, Jeffrey, Jeremy and Jaci Savage; and Jana and Elise Fenstermacher.

After 14 years of service as a teacher for the Prince George's County Board of Education, she retired in 1987. She also worked at the University of Maryland University College in College Park. Mrs. Savage was a passionate volunteer for Habitat for Humanity in both Wisconsin and Maryland, with the Women Build program and Hagerstown's Re-Store. She was a member of the VFW Women's Auxiliary.

She loved reading, sewing, gardening, redecorating and doing crafts. She held numerous positions to support her Greenbelt

community, donating her time to the Co-op Nursery School, Greenbelt Center Elementary and Bethune Junior High PTAs and Cub Scouts. Among her many journeys, she greatly enjoyed Denmark, Spain, Britain and Poland.

Inurnment will be private. The memorial service will be held on Friday, March 15 at 1 p.m., with a luncheon to follow at Rest Haven Funeral Chapel, 1601 Pennsylvania Avenue, Hagerstown.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to either Habitat for Humanity of Washington County, 100 Charles Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740 or the JSSA Hospice, 6123 Montrose Road, Rockville, MD 20852.

## Philip S. Pels

Philip Pels died February 25, 2013, in the Emergency Room at Doctors Community Hospital from

complications of chronic lymphocytic leukemia.

He was born on April 26, 1944, in Washington, D.C., the son of Greenbelt pioneers Teresa and Siegfried ("Doc") Pels. Growing up in Greenbelt, he was an altar boy at St. Hugh's and active in CYO sports; later he became president of the Young Adults club. Other happy memories in his teen and young adult years were summers at the Salvatorians' Camp St. Charles in southern Maryland and trips to his sister's cottage on Cape Cod for religious retreats.

He was an active member of Boy Scout Troop 202 from cubs through assistant leader. He told friends that the "coldest day of my life" was January 20, 1961, when as a 16-year-old scout he served as an usher at the inauguration of President John F. Kennedy.

The snowstorm the night before had closed roads and kept other scouts from attending, but Philip and a few others found rides with trucks or snowplows and completed the assignment.

Mr. Pels graduated from St. Hugh's School in 1958 and was awarded the medal for highest grade in religion. He was a 1962 graduate of Gonzaga College High School and received his degree in economics from The Catholic University of America in 1966. The day after his college graduation he began his 31-year career as a cost analyst for the Naval Air Systems Command. He retired in 1997, receiving the Navy Medal for Civilian Excellence for his service.

Although Mr. Pels never served in the armed services himself, he was proud that through his work he'd provided service for all U.S. aircraft carriers. In recent years

he was never seen without his U.S.S. Enterprise cap, given to him by a friend whose nephew had served on that ship. Even in hospital attire, he wore that cap.

In retirement his loyalty to his Gonzaga friends and his hometown of Greenbelt became evident. In spite of increasing periods of illness, he was able to help plan the 50th reunion of his Gonzaga class, which he attended in June 2012. He never missed a Greenbelt Labor Day Festival and attended both the city's 75th Anniversary Gala and the News Review's 75th Anniversary Dinner. Back in early Greenbelt, both he and his sister Elizabeth had delivered first the Cooperator and (after its name change) the News Review.

Mr. Pels was known for his

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# NEWS IN REVIEW

**For the most up-to-date info from GHI,  
subscribe to our e-Newsletter!**

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March 7, 2013

## CAN YOU HELP GHI MOVE INTO THE FUTURE?

Is 2013 the year that you become more involved in the life of GHI? Our cooperative is the livable and sustainable place it is because of the efforts of those who came before us.

**The GHI annual meeting will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2013, at 7:30 pm** The main purpose of the meeting is to elect new leaders. Five Board of Directors members, three Audit Committee members, and five Nominations and Elections (N&E) Committee members will be elected by the membership.

Serving as a Board or committee member is a large commitment, but the rewards are great. You'll help to shape GHI policy, which is especially important now as the 2015 Upgrade plans progress. And you'll have the satisfaction of knowing you served as a leader of a large and historic housing cooperative and impacted its future.

Please consider becoming a candidate for one of the offices described above. Any member in good standing over the age of 21 is eligible for office. You may also help by identifying other members with talents and vision that would benefit our community.

It's easy to become a candidate. Just fill out the candidate consent-to-serve form and return it to an N&E Committee member, or to the GHI office by Wednesday, May 1. Filing requirements, forms, and deadlines can be found online at [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop) (click on "Elections").

The members of the N&E Committee are happy to talk with you about how to run for office or about your recommendations for possible candidates. Please contact any of us:

Henry Haslinger (chair) at [hdhaslinger@comcast.net](mailto:hdhaslinger@comcast.net);  
Paula Clinedinst at [cotteyterp@comcast.net](mailto:cotteyterp@comcast.net);  
Carol Griffith at [carolagrif@msn.com](mailto:carolagrif@msn.com);  
Mara Hemminger at [bigsky\\_3@hotmail.com](mailto:bigsky_3@hotmail.com);  
or Sylvia Lewis at [revs.lew@verizon.net](mailto:revs.lew@verizon.net).

## Error in Spring Communicator Calendar

We regret an error in the calendar in the recently delivered spring Communicator. Two events from February were duplicated in March. Please note that the Town Hall Meeting (March 23) and Woodlands Workday (March 24) already occurred in February, and should be removed from your March calendar. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

## Pepco Pole and Line Work Progressing

Pepco crews have been undertaking pole and line replacement work on Lakecrest Drive, Lakeside Drive, and adjacent side streets. Crews have set a few replacement power poles in the vicinity of 6-8 Crescent Road, but Pepco will not be undertaking any work that will affect GHI members till March. Stay tuned to [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop) "News & Alerts" for more information as it becomes available.

## More Leaf Bags are Available!

GHI Members: Come to the Administration Building and pick up what you need, while supplies last!  
Hurry! Supplies are limited!

## Do You Love GHI?

### Help Us Spread the Word!

The new GHI **Marketing Committee** is looking for a few more members to help promote the cooperative, attract new residents, and support those who are preparing to sell their memberships. If you're passionate about our community, have skills in graphic design or video production, or just love talking about the benefits of living in GHI, we need you!

There are lots of ways you can help and varying time commitments, so stop by our meeting to find out how you can participate.

**First meeting: Monday, March 11th at 7:30 pm**, at the GHI Administration Building. For more information, contact Lauren Cummings ([lbcummin@hotmail.com](mailto:lbcummin@hotmail.com)) or Bill Edwards ([scooteratw@mac.com](mailto:scooteratw@mac.com)).



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## Interested in a GHI home?

### Attend a Pre-Purchase Orientation

Saturday, March 9 at 11 am  
or  
Monday, March 18 at 7 pm

For more information,  
Contact Bruce Mangum:  
301-474-4161, ext. 146

## WHAT'S HAPPENING!

*Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at the GHI Administration Offices on Hamilton Place, and are open to all GHI members.*

### March

Wed	6	7:30 pm	Smoke-free Buildings Task Force
Sat	9	11:00 am	Pre-Purchase Orientation
Sun	10	--	Daylight Savings Time Begins
Mon	11	7:30 pm	Nominations & Elections Committee
Mon	11	7:30 pm	Marketing Committee
Tue	12	8:30 am	Yard Line Committee
Tue	12	7:00 pm	Member Outreach Committee
Wed	13	7:30 pm	Architectural Review Committee
Thu	14	7:30 pm	Board Meeting
Fri	15	--	OFFICES CLOSED
Sun	17	1-3 pm	Woodlands Spring Potluck
Mon	18	7:00 pm	Pre-Purchase Orientation
Tue	19	7:30 pm	Companion Animal Committee
Wed	20	7:00 pm	Woodlands Committee
Thu	21	6:45 pm	Investment Committee
Thu	21	7:30 pm	Finance Committee
Mon	25	7:00 pm	Communications Committee
Wed	27	7:00 pm	Buildings Committee
Thu	28	7:30 pm	Board Meeting
Fri	29	--	OFFICES CLOSED

### April

Tue	2	8:30 am	Yard Line Committee
Sat	6	11:00 am	Pre-Purchase Orientation
Mon	8	7:30 pm	Nominations & Elections Committee
Mon	8	7:30 pm	Marketing Committee

*(Dates are subject to change)*

Maintenance service is available - for emergencies only - outside of normal maintenance hours or when offices are closed.  
Call 301-474-6011.

# Obituaries

generosity to others and loyalty to friends and family. Although he never married or had children of his own, his married friends shared their children with him and he became close to those families.

He is survived by his sister Elizabeth Ann Pels Nash of Greenbelt, godchildren Vernon C. Payne, III, of Culpeper, Va., and Lisa Caren Payne of Manassas, Va. and many devoted friends.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church on March 2 by Rev. Walter J. Tappe, assisted by Charles ("Chip") Luckett, a former Greenbelt neighbor now studying for the priesthood. Burial was at Gate of Heaven cemetery.

Memorial contributions in Mr. Pels name may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 5845 Richmond Highway, Suite 800, Alexandria VA 22303; the Carmody Open, c/o Gonzaga College High School, 19 Eye Street NW, Washington DC 20001; or any other charity of choice.

## Earl Adrian Babbitt

Greenbelt resident, Earl Adrian Babbitt, 73, died on February 25, 2013, due to complications from cancer of the larynx. He grew up in Cottage City, Md., and graduated from Bladensburg High School.

Mr. Babbitt was born on June 27, 1938, at Sibley Hospital.

He was a used car salesman



for 26 years at Sport Chevrolet in Silver Spring and was previously employed with Logan-Norris Ford.

He moved from Lanham to Greenbelt in 1993 and lived in the 1 Court Eastway.

He was a member of Greenbelt American Legion SAL, Order of The Moose and Greenbelt Community Church. While a member of Greenbelt Community Church, he served as a trustee, participated yearly in Christmas In April projects, CROP Walk For World Hunger, Safe Haven, church luau and various other church functions.

Mr. Babbitt was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Evelyn Babbitt, and a sister, Eloise Wrenn.

He is survived by his daughters, Elaine Miller, her husband Buzz of Eldersburg; Juli Canavan, her husband Thomas of Silver Spring; grandchildren Molly, Abbey, Emily, Sydney, Samantha, James and Givonne; niece Sharon Paczkowski (Danny) and nephew Ed Wrenn. He is also survived by other family members and friends.

A memorial church service was held on Friday, March 1 at Greenbelt Community Church followed by a service and reception at the Greenbelt American Legion.

Interment will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to: The American Cancer Society, 801 Roeder Road, Suite 800, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

## In Memoriam

### Earl A. Babbitt

Earl was the son of Earl and Evelyn Babbitt. Born in 1938, he attended the University of Maryland and while there played a sport he loved very much – basketball. His 6'3.5" frame helped to make him a standout among his peers. He remained in this area most of his life.

Earl loved his job as one of the top used-car salesmen at Sport Chevrolet for 26 years. It was always amazing how he could remember a customer's name, vehicle, make and model they bought from him, even years prior. What a great memory!

Earl was able to remember funny jokes, one right after the other in rapid succession. One key word would be all it took and the jokes began.

Important words in Earl's vocabulary were laughter and fun. He was truly larger than life.

He was a loyal, caring, thoughtful, generous and loving person. Always the first to help a loved one, a co-worker or a friend.

The word stranger was not part of Earl's vocabulary. One was considered a friend from the first time on meeting Earl. He was always there to give a helping hand shoveling our neighbor's sidewalks from a winter snowfall or placing an elderly neighbor's newspaper in her mailbox to make it easier for her to get her morning newspaper.

During spring or hot summer days, one would see Earl sitting in the front yard or on the deck with his newspaper and cup of coffee. As cars passed I would hear a beep from a car horn. Earl would raise his hand to say "hi."

He was magical around little children, especially his granddaughters Molly, Abbey, Emily and Sydney. They gravitated to one another. He would tell funny stories so he could hear and see them laugh – always laughter.

Earl loved to fish, to be at the ocean, attend sporting events, especially Orioles baseball games (never missing an Opening Day) major golf tournaments and Redskins games. If unable to attend, he was in front of the television cheering his team with his "rally hat" on.

At his church he volunteered to be with the Safe Haven homeless men the church hosts Christmas week each year. He loved his church and our congregants loved Earl.

The greatest loves of Earl's life were his two beautiful daughters Elaine and Juli. He was so proud to see what beautiful, loving, successful women they became.

As we entered Greenbelt Community Church on Friday, March 1 for his memorial service, our hearts were heavy with grief and sorrow. Leaving the sanctuary, we knew there was a rainbow somewhere remembering Earl.

– Kathy Reynolds



**Spring Ahead!**  
Reset your clocks forward one hour on Sunday at 1 a.m.

## Democratic Club At Café on Mar. 15

The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club is holding a fun social gathering at the New Deal Café on Friday, March 15 at 6 p.m. For those into politics, healthy food and a fun time, the New Deal Café will be the place to be.

Sure enough, political issues at the local and national level will be discussed. Those who walk by the Café that evening are likely to see many folks whom they know from other activities or as good neighbors. There will be fun, lively discussion and a choice of vegetarian dishes or chicken.

It's a great chance to join the club and enjoy a healthy meal that will, as usual for Chef Karim, include hummus and pita, lemonade and fruit, as well as dessert.

The club, in its 38th year, was founded to generate energy and support for the Democratic Party and its positive, progressive goals and accomplishments. It also provides Greenbelters a chance to learn about what is happening at all levels – county, state and national – that in turn directly impact residents of Greenbelt.

There is a fee; for more information or to make a reservation call Lyn Doyle at 301-328-7598.

– Konrad Herling

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Fresh Lean Beef <b>\$2.99</b> Boneless Chuck Roast	Fresh Crunchy <b>99¢</b> Apples Fuji/Red Delicious	Dannon Oikos <b>\$1.00</b> Greek Yogurt Assorted 5.3 oz.	Assorted Hot or Lean <b>\$2.00</b> Croissant Pockets 9 oz.	Sea Best Frozen Salmon <b>\$6.99</b> Fillets 20 oz.
Fresh Lean Boneless Pork <b>\$2.99</b> Sirloin Chops	Fresh Crisp <b>99¢</b> Green Beans	Shurfine Cheddar Cheese <b>\$2.00</b> 8 oz.	Mama Lucia's Italian Style <b>BUY ONE GET ONE FREE</b> Meatballs Orig/Turkey 38.9 oz.	Louis Kemp Seafood Delights <b>BUY ONE GET ONE FREE</b> Assorted 8 oz.

Grocery Bargains	
Chicken of the Sea <b>\$1.25</b> Solid White Tuna 5 oz.	Progresso <b>3/\$5.00</b> Soups Trad./Light/Red. Sodium 18-19 oz.
Wish Bone <b>\$2.00</b> Salad Dressings Asst. 16 oz.	All Liquid Laundry Detergent <b>\$2.99</b> 50 oz.



Grocery Bargains	
San Giorgio <b>\$1.00</b> Spaghetti or Macaroni 12-16 oz.	Shurfine Pasta Sauces Assorted 24 oz.
Shurfine Regular <b>\$2.88</b> Ground Coffee Asst. 11-12 oz.	Welch's Grape Jelly or Jam 32 oz.

Deli	Bakery	Natural & Gourmet	Health & Beauty	Beer & Wine
Deli Gourmet Oven Roasted Turkey Breast <b>\$4.99</b>	Fresh Store Baked <b>\$2.49</b> Irish Soda Bread loaf	Thai Kitchen Noodle Meals Assorted 7-9 oz.	Finesse Assorted <b>\$2.50</b> Shampoo or Conditioner 10-18 oz.	George Killian's Irish Red Beer 6 pk.-12 oz. bottles <b>\$5.99</b>
Deli Gourmet Provolone Cheese <b>\$4.99</b>	Fresh Store Baked <b>\$3.99</b> Apple Pie Orig./French 8-inch	Bella Famiglia Balsamic Vinegar 16.9 oz.	Western Family Nasal Spray <b>\$2.99</b> Assorted 1-1.5 oz.	Smithwick's Irish Ale 6 pk.-12 oz. bottles <b>\$7.99</b>

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# Police Blotter

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## DWI/DUI

February 22, 2:15 a.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. A 25-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related offenses after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

February 23, 2:36 a.m., Breezewood Court at Edmonston Terrace. A 26-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related offenses after a traffic stop. His 24-year-old passenger, a Greenbelt woman, was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. Both of them were released on citations pending trial.

February 23, 8:36 p.m., Kenilworth Avenue at Cherrywood Lane. A 64-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related offenses after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

February 24, 5:18 p.m., 9000 block Breezewood Terrace. A 44-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related offenses after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

## Trespassing

February 25, 8:03 p.m., 6100 block Cherrywood Lane. A 27-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespassing on private property. He was released on citation pending trial.

## Burglary

February 24, 12:32 a.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane. Electronics were taken.

February 26, 6:52 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. Electronics were taken.

February 27, 11:35 a.m., 7900 block Candlewood Place. Jewelry, tools and vehicle wheels were taken.

## Vandalism

February 22, 9:25 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A window was broken.

February 23, 7:12 p.m., 9 court Southway. A door window was broken.

## Vehicle Crime

An attempted auto theft occurred in the 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive.

Thefts from autos were reported in the following locations: 7200 block Hanover Drive (bag of books and cellphone), Schrom Hills Park (GPS unit), 7600 block Greenbelt Road (bag

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are 40 percent lower than in Fiscal Year 2013, townhome assessments are 21 percent lower and single family homes in Greenbelt are 20 percent lower.

His last exhibit shows a projected comparison of old and new assessments for six of Greenbelt's neighborhoods and potential savings that homes in those neighborhoods would achieve, even if the real property tax rate were raised four cents.

McLaughlin estimates that the four cent increase (to 0.83 from 0.79) would generate about \$700,000.

McLaughlin projects that even with the rate increase Greenbelt tax bills would still be lower by \$73 to \$473 per home and that the savings would be more than double when county, state, planning commission and other property rates are applied. In his memo McLaughlin urged council to focus on the revenue rather than the expense side of the budget.

## Employee Pay

In closing his report, the manager said he was trying to avoid further cuts in employee compensation, which has been reduced three times in recent years. He posed four "big questions" for council feedback and asked for suggestions:

1. Can the tax rate be increased to offset lost revenue from declining (real estate) assessments?

2. The city's fund balance is projected at \$2.8 million or 11.4 percent of expenses, which is higher than the city's 10 percent goal. It is anticipated that the fund balance will be increased further by the end of the current fiscal year. Can the fund balance be appropriated or used for one-time expenses or transfers?

3. Are there programs that can be reduced or cut?

4. Are there types of expenses, such as membership and training, or contributions to organizations that can be reduced or cut?

## Council Reactions

Councilmembers asked questions, made random comments and personal observations following McLaughlin's update on budgetary issues. Mayor Judith Davis wanted to make sure she understood the manager's preliminary guidance to city department heads regarding any hiring freeze and filling of vacancies and the close examination of their budgets.

McLaughlin indicated he has not gone beyond his guidance described in his February 11 report.

Councilmember Edward Putens noted that the projected speed camera revenue will likely be lower as a result of data on the initial deployments of the school zone cameras. He echoed McLaughlin's assessment that prior selected budget cuts have taken the expenditure side "down to the bone."

Putens suggested a look at "user fees" for Greenbelt programs. Councilmember Konrad Herling, asking for confirmation of the recent reductions in city staffing, was informed that there were 223.5 employees in 2010 and 220.5 now.

Councilmember Emmett Jordan questioned the city's experience with energy cost reductions and whether the city's arrangements with Pepco, Washington Gas and Clean Currents should be evaluated and/or renegotiated. He also wondered about employ-

ee motivation and the "structural" issues associated with hiring freezes and a potential situation with a number of key employees nearing retirement.

McLaughlin's response: "Greenbelt is a wonderful place to work." The city is known for a very good work culture that supports employees.

## Lost Value

Councilmember Rodney Roberts commented that homeowners have lost value in their homes in the economic crisis and that it would not be fair now to raise taxes.

Councilmember Silke Pope said that a tax rate increase should be the last thing to consider. She said there should be a balance between "programs" versus "tax rates," noting that current charges for city programs are low.

In a second round, Davis said, "Everything is on the table." She noted that savings in programs is found by cutting positions or the programs themselves. Councilmembers Leta Mach and Herling asked whether the proposed Organizational Analysis would be of help in budget deliberations.

McLaughlin responded that the time frame for getting consultants on board for that project would likely not allow the study to be of help for next year's budget but would be of great value in future years. Jordan echoed this comment and said that economic development was another answer to dwindling revenue. He noted the success of neighboring jurisdictions in focusing on economic development within their communities.

Mach also reminded council of unanswered questions regarding the city's potential interest in utilizing part of the old Greenbelt Middle School and about the city's School Resource Officer program coverage for all Greenbelt schools.

Putens suggested consideration of bringing retired employees back on a part-time basis.

Roberts, questioning the "bare bones" characterization, opined that the city could still achieve savings. He cited as an example the excessive costs for repair of a hydraulic leak in a piece of Public Works equipment.

## Tax Increase

There seemed to be some support for considering a property tax rate increase, but not a clear majority. Davis joined Pope in the sense that a tax rate increase should be the last thing considered.

There followed a question whether council could approve a tax rate increase with a subsequent "sunset" for its length; that is, could it automatically expire in a future fiscal year? That issue may be checked with the city solicitor. There seemed to be a feeling, however, that an existing council could not impose its ideas on a future council.

## Use of Surplus

There was more agreement on using a surplus from the city's fund balance, which McLaughlin said could provide about \$500,000 for one-time expenditures.

Regarding consideration of program cuts or reductions, council was all over the place. It may be possible to evaluate the staffing of Greenbelt CARES to see if its programs could be accomplished with less staffing.

Can the city's trash pick-ups be made more efficient? Could there be savings by looking for alternate contractors for Public Works? Are there additional collaborative efforts with Four-City partners? Are there savings in travel expenses and meetings?

There was uniform agreement among councilmembers with the city manager's desire not to consider further reductions in city employee compensation packages. With that, McLaughlin thanked council for their "wonderful direction."

The budget discussion will resume on March 25 when McLaughlin is to present his proposed budget.



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#### GDC Key Agenda Items:

- Review of 4th Quarter Financial Statements

#### GHI Key Agenda Items:

- 2013 Community Beautification Program
- Yard Line Recommendations for 10 Court Laurel Hill and 8 Court Ridge
- Review of 4th Quarter Financial Statements
- Review Finance Committee Recommendation on Capital Contributions Policy
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- Review Responses to Member Town Hall Questions
- Contract for Replacement of Roof for 135A Northway
- Review of Proposed Revisions to Sublease Policy

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## ACE to Grant Annual Awards at May Event

The Educators and Students Awards were the hot topic of the monthly meeting of the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) on Tuesday, February 26.

The committee, which meets once a month to discuss issues related to academia and education within the Greenbelt community, revealed there will be new surprise items for winners of the Educator Award. There will also be ACE T-shirts for the educators.

The awards, which can be issued to any school-based adults who have had a positive effect on the education of children (not necessarily teachers), will be presented April 8 by the Greenbelt City Council.

An educator from each of the six schools serving Greenbelt will be nominated for the award.

The committee voted to make several changes to the Student Awards, including requiring that nominated students graduate from school that year and be residents of Greenbelt.

Previously the committee had not required the students to be graduating that school year. The change has been brought up by committee member Jon Gardner, who felt it important that the award go to students who had "given their very best to the school before leaving."

### Letters to Come

Letters regarding student nominations will be sent out to schools in the next week. Nominations are due April 19 and the award ceremony will be held on May 13.

There has been good attendance at the ACE clubs.

"They have been running smoothly," said staff liaison Rosalind Ceasar.

### Discussion

In other news, the committee discussed the upcoming move of the Robert Goddard French Immersion School to the former Greenbelt Middle School, a change that has caused some grumbles about the dilapidated building.

The subject of the old Greenbelt Middle School is a hot topic for Greenbelters. Students moved out of old Greenbelt Middle following complaints about leaking roofs, electricity malfunctions and heating breakdowns. Ideas for future use have been studied. The school board may be willing to lease five classrooms to the City of Greenbelt for community use.

Committee members noted that because the French Immersion School is for students from kindergarten through 8th grade, the school will need to build new facilities for the youngest children, including bathrooms and playgrounds. The move would cost the school system about \$726,300 for renovations as well as additional staff, according to a recent article in The Washington Post.

- Jessica Suss

## Trailers at Armory To Be Removed

The trailers in the parking lot of the Greenbelt Armory are temporary and will be moved according to Capt. Sam Walterz, a representative from the National Guard. The trailers, which are located near the park and ride, are being stored temporarily by the military and do not belong to the Armory, Walterz told the Greenbelt City Council at a February 20 work-session in the Community Center. Council invites a representative of the armory to discuss current issues and city involvement about once a year in a stakeholder meeting.

Mayor Judith F. Davis said the trailers are making one of the main gateways into Greenbelt unattractive and that she is glad they are being moved.

Walterz agreed and said the armory will consider beautifying the area in other ways until the trailers are moved. Council suggested an attractive sign near the road entrance or a screen around the lot's fence.

Plans for the trailers are still being finalized and Walterz is unsure of exactly when the trailers will be moved or where they will go. However, he said the trucks located in the same parking lot will not be moved because they are too big to fit in the garages.

"I can't emphasize enough how prominent that road is," said Davis, referring to the Armory's location at the main entrance to Old Greenbelt. "I'll be happy to see some action."

- Lauren Shaw

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move on after the terrorist attacks on 9/11.

"My favorite part would have to be the song 'It's Time To Say Good-bye,'" Wright said after the 2 p.m. matinee. The song features a duet between Felicity and Tom and starkly contrasts the peppier songs it follows in the first act.

### Laughter and Tears

"The play is a real balance of laughter and tears," said Cherry, who wrote the play in the aftermath of the attacks in New York. "I wanted it to be an accurate portrayal of grief," he said, "but I'm proud of the funny parts, too."

Cherry's comic relief comes from Beauchamp, the 14-year-old who plays Marla Martin, an actress cast as Aphrodite in Tom's play and a close friend of Felicity. "I was so nervous and so scared," said Beauchamp. "I've been acting with Chris, starting at his camp, when I was six or seven. Every year the nerves get worse."

Beauchamp provides a strong presence on stage, and her performances as both Marla and Aphrodite often gave Saturday's audience a welcome laugh after intensely emotional scenes.

Because Joy Gods takes place in both the 1930s and in modern-day New York, the scenery was kept to a minimum. Cherry relied on the costuming of Angella Foster to set the scene and to let the audience know which version of Joy Gods they were watching.

The cast carried out all small



**Aphrodite (Kristen Beauchamp) and Don (Jonas Ventimiglia) sing "I Know My Way Around Love."**



**Christin Wright as Felicity Knox sings "I Believe In Love."**

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set changes themselves, proving their ability to self-manage the show. "There is no stage manager," Cherry said. "The kids take full responsibility. They really do work hard." Cherry added that "one of the benefits of this is that it shows them how fulfilling it is to be a part of something that is bigger than themselves."

### Open Enrollment

Cherry's shows with the recreation department are open enrollment for grades 7 to 12. "We have a low-pressure casting rehearsal," said Cherry, "but everyone who signs up is in the show. I often need to change or create roles based on the number of people I have."

Cherry not only wrote the script but also penned the music

and lyrics for Joy Gods. "It's so helpful that Chris has the luxury of changing things and adding songs," explained Wright. "He always makes sure that everyone has a part that will get them noticed by the audience."

The play will run twice more on Saturday, March 9 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. Ticket prices are listed in the city ad on page 5 and can be reserved by calling 301-397-2208.

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The Pittsburgh native, Zahren became fascinated with science and the natural world through his involvement with the Boy Scouts and camping, which initially enthused him about considering a career as a zoologist or veterinarian. "I went into the Peace Corps after college thinking of going to vet school, but I enjoyed teaching science so much in Kenya to non-English students that I decided to continue with science education," says Zahren.

He went on to a successful 11-year career as a teacher of biology, life sciences and earth sciences in Prince George's County Public Schools, and in 1985 he was selected as NASA's Teacher in Space candidate representing the state of Maryland. In this national state-by-state competition, he was one of 100 teachers chosen from the 40,000 applicants in the U.S. to vie for a flight aboard the space shuttle Challenger. Christa McAuliffe was the science teacher candidate ultimately chosen for this honor and was unfortunately killed with fellow crew members in the Challenger accident in 1986.

There is much more to the Dave Zahren story which one can learn by attending GATE's annual membership meeting. It also is a good opportunity for Greenbelt's residents, of all ages, to learn more about how GATE offers educational opportunities, such as operating a television camera, editing, script writing and set design. Learn how to become a member of GATE and how you can tell your own story to the community.

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Proteus will host a reception for local riders starting at 10 a.m. Team 26 is expected to arrive at about 10:30 a.m., with departure for D.C. at 11 a.m. The ride will highlight local bike trails. This is a moderately paced ride, totaling about 35 miles, with experienced riders to help guide first-timers on a course that is mostly paved trails, quiet residential streets and bike lanes. Riders are welcome to join the ride along the way; Metro stops are alongside the route in several locations.

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**Boxwood Village** - Remodeled rambler being sold by original owner. 3Br, 2ba on quiet cul-de-sac. Fenced yard and large deck at the 'top' of Greenbelt.

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**3 Bedroom Townhome** - Very close to the center of town. No need to walk to Roosevelt Center. Good value and a better value - priced to sell at \$89,900

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**Block End Unit w/ Large Corner Lot** One of the largest yards in GHI. Remodeled throughout. Large Floorplan with extra storage closets. Very Nice!

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**Single-Level Living In GHI** - 1 BR GHI home on 1000 sq. ft. corner lot. Beautifully remodeled. Remodeled oak floors. Crown mould. & more! \$67,000

**Brick End Unit - Large Yard** 3 BR brick with extra large yard. 1st flr. unit with large corner lot. Remodeled with modern kitchen and bathrooms. NICE!

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## How to Properly Use, Care For Smoke Detectors

by Kenneth Silberman

A smoke alarm significantly increases the chances of surviving a deadly home fire. Whether the occupants are awake or asleep, a working smoke alarm is constantly on alert, scanning the air for fire and smoke. When properly installed and maintained, it is the only thing to alert those in the home to a fire 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The National Fire Protection Association says almost two-thirds of home fire deaths have resulted from fires in properties without working smoke alarms. There are alarms that use strobe lights and/or vibrate to assist those with hearing disabilities.

People should install smoke alarms on every level of the home, including the basement, both inside and outside of sleeping areas. They should be placed at the proper height for the earliest possible warning because smoke and many deadly gases rise. One should always follow the manufacturer's installation instructions.

Smoke alarms are battery-powered or hardwired into the home's electrical system. Battery-powered smoke detectors run on a disposable nine-volt battery or a non-replaceable 10-year lithium ("long-life") battery. A backup battery is usually present on hardwired alarms.

Nine-volt batteries should

be replaced every year. Smoke alarms powered by a 10-year lithium battery should be replaced according to the manufacturer's instructions. Homeowners cannot (and should not) replace the lithium battery. Hardwired smoke detectors should be installed by a qualified electrician and their backup batteries replaced at least once a year.

All smoke detectors should be tested monthly and replaced every eight to 10 years.

### Free Detectors

To request a free smoke detector from the Prince George's County Fire Department, call 301-864-7233. Free Fire Safety Advisory inspections are also available. To arrange for one, which includes installation of a free smoke detector, go to [princegeorgescountymd.gov](http://princegeorgescountymd.gov). Type "smoke detector" in the search box. Other additional valuable information can also be found at this site.

### Using Detectors

Never disable a smoke alarm. If a smoke alarm sounds while one is cooking or taking a shower, do not remove the battery. Instead, open a window or door and press the "hush" button, wave a towel at the alarm to clear the air or move the entire alarm several feet away from the location. Disabling a smoke alarm or removing the battery can be a deadly mistake.

*Kenneth Silberman is the Greenbelt Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Coordinator.*

### Holy Cross Thrift Store

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### The New Klezmer Quintet

at Mishkan Torah

**"Fiddling Under the Roof"**

March 9, 2013 at 7:30 pm

Paid RSVP by March 8, 2013:

**Adults \$25  
Teens/Preteens \$15**

At the Door:

**Adults \$28  
Teens/Preteens \$15**

I/We would like to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ adult tickets @ \$25/ticket. \$\_\_\_\_\_

I/We would like to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ teen/preteen tickets @ \$15/ticket. \$\_\_\_\_\_

I/We would like to make a donation – in multiples of \$18 (chai). \$\_\_\_\_\_

All donors will be listed in the Program if donation is received by March 5<sup>th</sup>. It is the ideal way to be included in this wonderful event - whether or not you can attend!

Total enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_

(Names for Reservation and/or the Program)

Make check payable to Mishkan Torah and send it with this reservation to the office.

(Mishkan Torah, 10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt MD, 20770)

For more information and online RSVP, [www.mishkantorah.org/klezmer](http://www.mishkantorah.org/klezmer)

## Cub Scout Pack 202 Blue and Gold Ceremony



American Legion Post 136 hosted the Greenbelt Community Church's Cub Scout Pack 202 annual Blue and Gold Banquet Sunday, February 24. This year's theme was "Fire Safety." Distinguished guests included Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis and Community Church Interim Pastor Clara Young. Firefighters Adam Anthony and Rebecca Hunter from the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD Co. 35) Fire Fighters presented fire safety tips and responded to many scout (and parent) fire safety questions. Many achievements had been earned, with their awards presented to the attending cub scouts.

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